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December 4, 1992

Mr. Stephen Powell, President
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Dear Mr. Powell:

Re: Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, Chimney Rock II Project, S/015/066, Emery County, Utah

Thank you for your Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, received by the Division on November 25, 1992. The application for the proposed Chimney Rock II Project, located in Sections 11 and 12, T19S, R11E, SLBM, Emery County, Utah is complete and no additional information is required at this time.

The operator has made a request for a variance under R647-3-110 pertaining to the requirement to salvage topsoil (R647-3-107.5). An inspection was conducted onsite December 1, 1992, to evaluate this request. The request will not be granted in full. Even though topsoil development is weak to non-existent across the site, enough fine material does exist to provide a benefit for future reclamation. The operator will need to scrape the surface of all areas to be disturbed prior to mine development. The material can either be windrowed or stockpiled for future application. Areas in which the consolidated ore material (rock) is exposed, do not have to be salvaged.

It appears from the small amount of development that has already commenced at this site, that the operator is already acting to salvage topsoil in a satisfactory manner.

For your reference, I have enclosed copies of our summarized rules regarding "Operation and Reclamation Practices", and the statutory penalty for failure to reclaim a minesite (attachments SMO-1 and SMO-2).

Should you wish to expand your operation beyond the five (5) acre limitation, please notify this office as soon as possible to discuss the necessary permitting requirements.

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A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between this Division and the State Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) requires us to notify them upon receipt of a mining application. If you haven't already done so, you are advised to contact their office prior to starting your small mining operation to determine whether additional permits and/or approvals are required. We will forward a copy of this letter and your notice to the DEQ for their review. Their address and phone number is: Department of Environmental Quality, 288 North 1460 West, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84116, (801) 538-6121.

Thank you for your cooperation. When in the area, a member of the Division staff will examine the site. Best wishes with your mining operation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Holland Shepherd".

Holland Shepherd
Senior Reclamation Specialist

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Enclosure
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